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INFO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AF, US

SUBJECT: WAHID ABDULLAH VISIT

TEHRAN FOR AMBASSADOR ELIOT

1. AFGHAN AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR CALLED ON LAINGEN SEPTEMBER 3 TO PRESENT NOTE REQUESTING USG SUPPORT OF GOA CANDIDACY FOR ECOSOC SEAT. LAINGEN REPLIED ALONG LINES OF STATE 167447, ASSURING AMBASSADOR THAT REQUEST WOULD BE CONSIDERED SYMPATHETICALLY.

2. MALIKYAR THEN INFORMED LAINGEN THAT EX-KING'S SON, DAUD PUSHTUNYAR, HAD SENT PASSPORT TO EMBASSY FOR EXTENSION OF VISA TO PROLONG STAY IN U.S. TWO-THREE MONTHS AND TO GET ITALIAN VISA TO VISIT FATHER IN ROME.

3. AMBASSADOR THEN REVIEWED SITUATION RE PROPOSED VISIT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH TO U.S. HE POINTED OUT THAT HIS INFORMATION SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN OURS, I.E., THAT ABDULLAH HAD INDICATED TO HIM THAT HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT COME TO U.S. AT ALL IF HE CAME WITH PERSONAL MESSAGE
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FROM DAOUD AND COULD NOT BE ASSURED HE WOULD SEE PRESI-

DENT. MALIKYAR SAID THAT HE THINKING OF ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION OF ABDULLAH'S VISIT, I.E., WHETHER HE WOULD BE COMING AS PERSONAL EMISSARY OF PRESIDENT, OR WHETHER

HE PLANNING TO COME IN CONNECTION WITH UNGA VISIT. HE SAID IF IT WERE FORMER AND THERE NO CHANCE TO SEE PRESIDENT, HE WOULD PERSONALLY RECOMMEND THAT ABDULLAH NOT COME AT ALL.

4. LAINGEN ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT WE WOULD WELCOME ABDULLAH VISIT AND THAT WE WOULD SET UP GOOD SCHEDULE WITH KEY USG OFFICIALS, BUT THAT, ASSUMING VISIT IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNGA, WE WOULD NOT MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO SCHEDULE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT WHICH MALIKYAR WOULD KNOW IS DIFFICULT IN ANY EVENT AT THIS TIME AND PARTICULARLY SO WHEN THERE ARE NO MAJOR BILATERAL PROBLEMS TO DISCUSS. MALIKYAR APPEARED TO CONCLUDE WE SHOULD WAIT FOR WHILE LONGER ABOUT FINALIZING DETAILS OF ABDULLAH VISIT, SINCE HE SEEMED UNSURE WHETHER VISIT WOULD ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE.

5. MALIKYAR ALSO RAISED SUBJECT OF SECRETARY'S PLANNED SOUTH ASIA TRIP, SAYING HE HOPED SECRETARY WOULD AGREE TO GOA INVITATION TO STOP OVER IN KABUL.

6. WE SUGGEST YOU LEAVE MATTERS REST RE ABDULLAH VISIT FOR PRESENT, LEAVING ANY FURTHER INITIATIVE TO HIM. INGERSOLL

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